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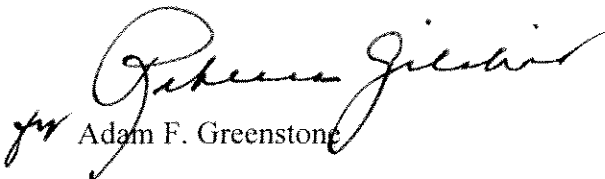
SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA employees at the Digital Government Institute (DGI) Conference on April 22, 2010

On April 22, 2010, the Digital Government Institute and the Federated Enterprise Architecture Certification (FEAC) Institute will host a conference on enterprise architecture at the Ronald Reagan Building, in Washington, D. C., from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p. m.

Approximately 250 people have been invited and are expected to attend. The purpose of the event is to discuss government enterprise architecture development, case studies, and best practices. The event will be attended by NASA personnel, enterprise architects, program managers, IT staff, CIO's, CTO's, CISO's, managers from Civilian and DoD Government Organizations, State and Local Governments, contractors, and members of the media. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendees will have the opportunity to exchange information regarding enterprise architecture and discuss how it can be used in the government as a management tool to facilitate IT planning to save time and resources. Moreover, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors, including NASA employees in non-career positions who are required to sign the ethics pledge under Executive Order 13490, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.


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